

June 28, 1934

Honorable Joseph Chen,
Attorney-General,
Building

RE : BURNT FORK DIST.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27 enclosing a letter from Governor Blood and a petition, - all having to do with a request for drouth relief on Henry's Fork and Beaver creek in Utah and Wyoming. You ask whether the water users in Utah would be injured if and when various lakes located at the head waters of the creeks as above referred to, were tapped or drained.

Beaver creek is a tributary to Henry's Fork and both flow into Green river. These creeks rise in Summit County, flow northward over into Wyoming, thence back into Daggett County, Utah. The Utah water users on Henry's Fork are few in number, - perhaps 8 principal ones and possibly several other small users. The water users on Beaver creek in Utah constitute the principal part of the users on the stream. There are however, a few users in Wyoming.

The petition sent to the Governor takes in practically all the water users on these streams in both states, together with their wives, uncles, aunts and what-not. The water situation in that section of the country is short, the same as it is in other parts of the state and the users have had some difficulty, by reason of which I sent Mr. Jerman, Chief Deputy State Engineer, over to do what he could in the matter of equitable distribution of the scant supply. His visit resulted in good, and a better feeling prevailed between the users of both states. He did not however,

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There is one question however, which must be con-
 sidered and that is whether there is any water in the
 lakes to salvage. This can only be determined from an
 inspection made by an engineer, for the information in
 this office relating the matter is meager and that
 which is on file is more or less contradictory.
 Yours very truly,
 L.H. Humphreys,
 STATE ENGINEER

Anything which might be done in the way of in-
 creasing the water supply in either of these creeks
 can not in any way affect the Utah users adversely since
 they are on the head of the stream and that sort of
 right is "better than a primary right on the lower
 reaches".

was of the opinion that the condition was better than
 York however, where the Wyoming users are, Mr. Johnson
 the Utah users are, they are pretty dry; on the Henry's
 the bottom to the Governor. On Beaver creek where
 observe the dreadful conditions which are depicted in
 average.